

653—11.4 (272C) Continuing education and training requirements for renewal or reinstatement. A licensee shall meet the requirements in this rule to qualify for renewal of a permanent or special license or reinstatement of a permanent license.

11.4(1) Continuing education and training requirements.

a. Continuing education for permanent license renewal. Except as provided in these rules, a total of 40 hours of category 1 activity or board-approved equivalent shall be required for biennial renewal of a permanent license. This may include up to 20 hours of credit carried over from the previous license period and category 1 activity acquired within the current license period.

(1) To facilitate license renewal according to birth month, a licensee's first license may be issued for less than 24 months. The number of hours of category 1 activity required of a licensee whose license has been issued for less than 24 months shall be reduced on a pro-rata basis.

(2) A licensee desiring to obtain credit for carryover hours shall report the carryover, not to exceed 20 hours of category 1 activity, on the renewal application.

(3) Category 1 CME activity. A licensee shall complete the training as part of a category 1 CME activity or an approved training program. A licensee may apply the category 1 CME activity credit received for the training during the license period in which the training occurred toward the 40 hours of continuing education required for biennial renewal.

b. Continuing education for special license renewal. A total of 20 hours of category 1 activity shall be required for annual renewal of a special license. No carryover hours are allowed.

c. Training for identifying and reporting child and dependent adult abuse for permanent or special license renewal.

(1) Training to identify child abuse. A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to children must complete at least two hours of training in child abuse identification and reporting every five years. "A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to children" means all emergency physicians, family physicians, general practice physicians, pediatricians, and psychiatrists, and any other physician who regularly provides primary health care to children.

(2) Training to identify dependent adult abuse. A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to adults must complete at least two hours of training in dependent adult abuse identification and reporting every five years. "A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to adults" means all emergency physicians, family physicians, general practice physicians, internists, obstetricians, gynecologists, and psychiatrists, and any other physician who regularly provides primary health care to adults.

(3) Combined training to identify child and dependent adult abuse. A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to adults and children must complete at least two hours of training in the identification and reporting of abuse in dependent adults and children every five years. The training may be completed through separate courses as identified in subparagraphs 11.4(1)"c"(1) and (2) or in one combined two-hour course that includes curricula for identifying and reporting child abuse and dependent adult abuse. "A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to children and adults" means all emergency physicians, family physicians, general practice physicians, internists, and psychiatrists, and any other physician who regularly provides primary health care to children and adults.

d. Training for chronic pain management for permanent or special license renewal. A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to patients must complete at least two hours of training for chronic pain management every five years. "A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to patients" means all emergency physicians, family physicians, general practice physicians, internists, neurologists, pain medicine specialists, psychiatrists, and any other physician who regularly provides primary health care to patients.

e. Training for end-of-life care for permanent or special license renewal. A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to patients must complete at least two hours of training for end-of-life care every five years. "A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to patients"

means all emergency physicians, family physicians, general practice physicians, internists, neurologists, pain medicine specialists, psychiatrists, and any other physician who regularly provides primary health care to patients.

11.4(2) Exemptions from renewal requirements.

a. A licensee shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements in subrule 11.4(1) when, upon license renewal, the licensee provides evidence for:

- (1) Periods that the licensee served honorably on active duty in the military;
- (2) Periods that the licensee resided in another state or district having continuing education requirements for the profession and the licensee met all requirements of that state or district for practice therein;
- (3) Periods that the licensee was a government employee working in the licensee's specialty and assigned to duty outside the United States; or
- (4) Other periods of active practice and absence from the state approved by the board.

b. The requirements for training on identifying and reporting abuse for license renewal shall be suspended for a licensee who provides evidence for:

- (1) Periods described in paragraph 11.4(2) "a," subparagraph (1), (2), (3), or (4); or
- (2) Periods that the licensee resided outside of Iowa and did not practice in Iowa.

11.4(3) Extension for completion of or exemption from renewal requirements. The board may, in individual cases involving physical disability or illness, grant an extension of time for completion of, or an exemption from, the renewal requirements in subrule 11.4(1).

a. A licensee requesting an extension or exemption shall complete and submit a request form to the board that sets forth the reasons for the request and has been signed by the licensee and attending physician.

b. The board may grant an extension of time to fulfill the requirements in subrule 11.4(1).

c. The board may grant an exemption from the educational requirements for any period of time not to exceed one calendar year.

d. If the physical disability or illness for which an extension or exemption was granted continues beyond the period of waiver, the licensee must reapply for a continuance of the extension or exemption.

e. The board may, as a condition of any extension or exemption granted, require the applicant to make up a portion of the continuing education requirement by methods it prescribes.

11.4(4) Reinstatement requirement. An applicant for license reinstatement shall provide proof of successful completion of 80 hours of category 1 activity completed within 24 months prior to submission of the application for reinstatement or proof of successful completion of SPEX or COMVEX-USA within one year immediately prior to the submission of the application for reinstatement.

11.4(5) Cost of continuing education and training for renewal or reinstatement. Each licensee is responsible for all costs of continuing education and training required in 653—Chapter 11.

11.4(6) Documentation. A licensee shall maintain documentation of the continuing education and training requirements in 653—Chapter 11, including dates, subjects, duration of programs, and proof of participation, for five years after the date of the continuing education and training.

11.4(7) Audits. The board may audit continuing education and training documentation at any time within the five-year period. If the board conducts an audit of continuing education and training, a licensee shall respond to the board and provide all materials requested, within 30 days of a request made by board staff or within the extension of time if one has been granted.

11.4(8) Grounds for discipline. A licensee may be subject to disciplinary action for failure to comply with continuing education and training requirements in 653—Chapter 11.